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Commissioners

COSM Budget Session

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Edgar M. Bosley Jr. Municipal Admin. Building

I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

President Boos called to order the special budget session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 10:10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland. Also present were Commissioners Roy Myers, Jaime Windon, Michael Bibb, and Joyce Harrod, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Finance Clerk Kathy Eglseder, and Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick.

II. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

III. Public Working Session on the Budget

- Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Areas of concentration for this work session are the following:

Public Works and Water Department

Personnel

Mrs. Weisman opened the discussion, saying that she had provided an updated version of the proposed budget, and noting that today's budget session would be devoted to Public Works and the Water Department. Mrs. Weisman then introduced Public Works Director Jeff Richardson for his report and presentation. Mr. Richardson began with tree maintenance. President Boos suggested perhaps contacting other companies to get better pricing on tree removal would be a good idea. Regarding uniforms and new gear, Mr. Richardson said his crew member Brian Thompson had suggested that money could be saved by giving the employees an allowance for uniforms and other work gear instead of having a uniform service. The Commissioners and Mr. Richardson agreed on a bonus of \$250.00 (plus tax) for Brian Thomson for his money saving idea. The Commissioners and Mr. Richardson also discussed various funding categories and amounts.

President Boos said he thought the recycling contract should be re-bid to determine if the Town is getting the best price. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that staff should have a conversation with the recycling company.

Prior to an adjournment for lunch, the Commissioners and Mr. Richardson had conversations about street signage and agreed to increase the budget to research a company in the area that could reproduce the street signs for less. Mr. Richardson also discussed street repairs and other maintenance, the purchase of a street sweeper, and the need to clean and repair Town alleyways.

The Commissioners agreed to cancel their regular meeting for the evening because of

the snow storm and rescheduled it for Wednesday, March 28th.

The meeting re-convened at 12:40 p.m. Mr. Richardson summed up his recommendations for additional budget items, such as improvements to the interior of the Boy Scout Cabin, shop safety upgrades, and funding for repair and replacement work on Seymour Avenue and W. Harbor Road. Mrs. Weisman said the money for Seymour Avenue would come out of the FY18 repair and replacement fund. Commissioner Boos said he would also like to see a pole barn in the Town Shop yard to protect equipment, mulch or other items kept outdoors. Mr. Richardson said the cost of such an open-air building would be about \$31,000, approximately \$12,000 for a concrete slab, and \$5,000 for electrical.

President Boos made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article Section 3-305 to discuss the following: (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition, and (9) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. Commissioner Bibb seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

IV. Comments from the Commissioners

V. Announcement of Future Meetings

March 21 2018 - 6:00pm COSM Work and Legis Session

March 27 2018 - 10-4pm Budget (if needed)

VI. Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Public Participation: All comments from the public will be taken during the period set aside for "Comments from the Public". To be recognized, a member of the public should raise his or her hand and wait to be recognized by the President. Comments and questions should be kept brief and to the point, and be directed to the President.